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**APPLICATION FOR REEXAMINATION OF THE
REGISTERED DENTAL ASSISTANT EXAMINATION**

Authority: Public Act 368 of 1978, as amended

The fee for the entire exam is \$70.00 or \$35.00 per part. Upon receipt of the re-exam application and fee, you will be scheduled for the next available exam. This application and fee must be received in this office at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the examination. If this form is not completed, you will not be scheduled for the re-exam.

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I AM APPLYING FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- ☐ Reexamination of Both Written & Clinical Exams - Fee: \$70.00 71-2903-27
- ☐ Reexamination of Written Exam Only - Fee: \$35.00 71-2903-27
- ☐ Reexamination of Clinical or Parts of Clinical Exam Only - Fee: \$35.00 71-2903-28

Your check or money order drawn on a U.S. financial institution and made payable to the **STATE OF MICHIGAN** must accompany this application. **DO NOT SEND CASH.** Fees are deposited upon receipt and can only be refunded under refund rules promulgated by the Department.

I AM APPLYING FOR REEXAMINATION FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON (Check One Only):

- ☐ I was not successful when I took the exam on (date) _____.
- ☐ I was absent from the exam on (date) _____.

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
U.S. Social Security Number	Date of Birth	Previous MI Permanent I.D./License Number (If Applicable)
Street Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Signature of Applicant		Date

You must pass all parts of the exam within 18 months of the first exam attempt. If it has been less than 18 months since you first took the exam, you will need to retake the parts you failed. After 18 months, you must retake the entire examination

Please indicate which part of the Michigan examination you need to reschedule.

- ☐ **Entire Exam**
- ☐ **Partial Exam (Check all parts you need to retake)**
- ☐ **Written Exam**
- ☐ **Clinical Exam:**
- ☐ Rubber Dam
- ☐ Temp Crown
- ☐ Amalgam

The Department of Community Health will not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, sex, religion, age, national origin, color, marital status, disability or political beliefs. If you need assistance with reading, writing, hearing, etc., under the Americans with Disabilities Act, you may make your needs known to this agency.



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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REGISTERED DENTAL ASSISTANT EXAMINATION BROCHURE

**For Administration of Examinations BEGINNING
December 2004**

GENERAL INFORMATION

The examination to become a Registered Dental Assistant is designed to test basic knowledge and skills. Only graduates of dental auxiliary programs approved by the Michigan Board of Dentistry (program must be ADA approved) are eligible to take this examination.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

If you will require special testing accommodations because of a disability, you must submit a written request indicating the accommodation(s) requested and your disability to ADA Request, Bureau of Health Professions, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909. This request must be received by the examination application deadline. Documentation including a written diagnosis, test results and recommended accommodations from a qualified health professional familiar with the disability is also required. We also need a letter from school personnel verifying the accommodations made during your education. NOTE: Language barriers are not considered a disability.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

The examination will be given in two parts. The Clinical portion of the exam will take approximately 4 hours to complete, including the time for the Clinical orientation. The clinical orientation and cubicle set-up takes approximately 1.5 hours. You will have exactly 2.5 hours to complete the Clinical Examination once it begins. The Written portion of the exam will be given on the same day. You will have 2.5 hours to complete the Written Examination. Exact reporting times for each part of the examination the candidate is scheduled to take will appear on the examination admission letter.

In accordance with Departmental refund rules and policy, if you wish to withdraw from an examination for which you are scheduled, you must inform the Department **IN WRITING**. In order to receive a **PARTIAL** refund of the examination fee, your written request to withdraw from the examination must be received by the Department **AT LEAST SEVEN (7) DAYS** prior to your scheduled examination. After this time period, the entire examination fee is non-refundable if you fail to appear or are denied admission to the examination.

IN ORDER TO BE SCHEDULED FOR ANOTHER EXAMINATION DATE, YOU MUST SUBMIT A NEW EXAMINATION/REEXAMINATION APPLICATION AND FEE.

ADMISSION TO CLINICAL EXAMINATION

All candidates are expected to appear at the designated site on time and in appropriate clinical attire. This includes a long sleeved lab coat or gown. Caps are not required. Each candidate must present at the examination site:

1. one piece of official identification with the candidate's picture and signature,
2. the Examination Admission Letter sent to the candidate by the Michigan Board of Dentistry, and

3. proof of professional liability coverage with the name of the insurance carrier and policy number (only for candidates taking the Rubber Dam section of the examination).

Each candidate must bring the required equipment and supplies and a patient if they are taking the Rubber Dam section of the Clinical Examination.

ADMISSION TO WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Before admission to the Written Examination, each candidate **must** present:

1. one piece of Official Identification with the candidate's picture and signature, AND
2. the Examination Admission Letter sent to the candidate by the Michigan Board of Dentistry.
3. Please bring several #2 pencils to use for the written exam.

SCORING

The passing score on the Written Examination is 75%. Candidates who pass the examination will only receive a notice of "PASS". A numeric score will not be provided. Candidates who fail the Written Exam will receive a numeric score and a breakdown of their performance to aid in preparing for re-examination.

Candidates taking the Clinical Examination will receive a score of either PASS or FAIL for each of the required skills (rubber dam, temporary crown, amalgam restoration). Each skill will be scored using the Evaluation Criteria listed in this brochure. If a candidate satisfactorily performs the required tasks for each skill, the candidate will pass the skill. If all skills are satisfactorily performed, the candidate will pass the Clinical Examination.

IRREGULARITIES

No reference materials may be utilized during the Written Examination. A container for equipment and supplies may be brought to the Clinical Examination. Candidates may refer to this brochure during the clinical examination. In the case of cheating, observation of direct exchange of materials between candidates, the use of prohibited materials by the candidate, or proof that the person appearing is not the applicant, the person will be removed from the examination site, and the applicant will not be rescheduled for the examination for at least one (1) full year.

RE-EXAMINATION

In the case of failure or disqualification on any part or section of the examination, the candidate may re-apply to take the failed part or section at the next regularly scheduled Written or Clinical Examination. A re-examination application will be sent to the candidate. This application must be returned to the Board of Dentistry with the appropriate fee made payable to the "State of Michigan."

Time allotments on re-exams for the Clinical Examination are as follows:

Rubber Dam Application and Removal	60 minutes
Placement of Temporary Crown	30 minutes
Amalgam Restoration	60 minutes

MICHIGAN BOARD OF DENTISTRY RULES

R338.11241 - Registered dental assisting licensure candidate who fails the clinical or comprehensive examination twice; requirements before re-examination.

Rule 1241

1. Before being permitted to retake the clinical examination, a registered dental assisting licensure candidate who sustains two (2) successive failures in the clinical examination shall be required to meet both of the following requirements subsequent to the last examination failed:
 - a. The candidate shall present evidence of additional education consisting of a minimum of twenty (20) hours of board-approved instruction, which shall be both didactic and clinical, in a school approved by the board.
 - b. The course shall be satisfactorily completed as evidenced by certification by the dean or his or her appointee.
2. Before being permitted to retake the written examination, a registered dental assisting licensure candidate who sustains two (2) successive failures in the written section of the examination shall be required to meet both of the following requirements subsequent to the last examination failed:
 - a. The candidate shall present evidence of additional education consisting of a minimum of twenty (20) hours of board-approved instruction in a school approved by the board.
 - b. The course shall be satisfactorily completed as evidenced by certification by the dean or his or her appointee.

R338.11245 Registered dental assisting licensure candidate who fails the examination three (3) times; requirements before re-examination.

Rule 1245 Before being permitted to retake the examination, a registered dental assisting licensure candidate who fails any part of the examination three (3) times, shall be required by the board to return to an accredited school for one (1) academic semester or term. The course of the one (1) academic semester or term shall be satisfactorily completed as evidenced by certification by the dean or his or her appointee.

EXAMINATION REVIEW/APPEAL PROCEDURE

A candidate who fails any portion of the examination may request a review of the failed section(s) by submitting a written request within sixty (60) days of the date of the test result notification. The written review request must contain the candidate's: (1) full name; (2) address; (3) daytime phone number; (4) candidate ID number; (5) name and date of failed examination. The review request should be addressed to RDA Exam Review, Michigan Board of Dentistry, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.

Upon receipt of a candidate's written request to review the examination, the candidate will be contacted to set up an appointment. Candidates are required to pay a \$10.00 review fee. All reviews shall be conducted at least thirty (30) days PRIOR to the next examination administration. Candidates may review ONLY the section(s) failed and will NOT be allowed to remove any notes from the review session. No copies of the examination or other documents shall be made during the review. The candidate will be allowed one-half (½) of the total time allocated for the examination administration to review the examination(s).

After the review, the RDA Examination Committee will review all appeals, comments and documentation and will make a recommendation to accept or deny the appeal.

CLINICAL EXAMINATION

The clinical part of the licensing examination is designed to test the competency of the candidate through performance criteria in basic skills. Candidates may refer to this brochure as needed during the clinical examination.

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY COVERAGE

You **must** obtain liability coverage in order to take the Rubber Dam section of the Clinical Examination. If you are working in a dental office or if you have a "Student Liability Card", check immediately with the insurance carrier to see if the policy will cover you during the Clinical Examination. If it does, request a letter including the policy number, from the agent stating this fact. If you do not have liability insurance coverage, it is suggested that you obtain it at the **EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE** to assure that you will receive the necessary proof in time for the Clinical Examination. If a candidate is unable to obtain the required dental liability coverage, the following organization may be contacted: Maginnes and Associates, Inc., 1-800-621-3008 (toll free number).

Any candidate who is an active member of the American Dental Assistant's Association is automatically covered by liability insurance. Your current ADAA membership card must be presented at the examination site. However, it is possible that student members may not be covered by the ADAA. Please contact your program director or instructor for additional information regarding liability coverage insurance. (This is not to be construed as a recommendation or approval of either type of liability insurance by the Michigan Board of Dentistry. This information is offered only as an aid to the candidate).

Proof of liability **MUST** be brought to the examination site. You will be required to show your proof of insurance BEFORE the clinical examination begins.

Liability insurance is **not** required if a candidate is **re-taking** only the Temporary Crown or Amalgam Restoration section of the Clinical Examination.

MODELS/CASTS

1. The candidate must use Model #3296 purchased from Viade Products for the clinical examination. It is also recommended that candidates purchase 1-2 extra prep teeth with the model.
2. The models must be ordered through Viade Products, 354 Dawson Drive, Camarillo, CA 93012. The phone number is 805-484-2114 or 805-484-4617; FAX number is 805-484-9285; and e-mail address is viade@aol.com. It is recommended that you contact your school program to purchase the specified model (#3296) in bulk. This will reduce the cost significantly. If ordered separately, the price per model will be around \$100. If ordered in bulk, the price per model will be closer to \$70. Additional prep teeth will cost about \$2 each. Please contact Viade Products for exact ordering and price information. You must let them know that you need Model #3296.
3. The casts may be used pre-exam for practice purposes. However, the casts should be wrapped and in their box in an unaltered condition when brought to the examination site or the candidate may be disqualified on this section of the examination.
4. Casts submitted for grading become the property of the State of Michigan and cannot be returned to candidates.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. The candidate is to take his/her patient to the patient reception area **BEFORE** the candidate orientation.
2. Candidates are responsible for bringing their own supplies and materials. These may **NOT** be shared with any other candidate.
3. After the candidate orientation, the candidate is to sanitize and organize the assigned cubicle or unit before seating the patient.
4. The forms at the end of this brochure may be completed and brought with you to the exam site. **DO NOT SEND THESE FORMS TO THE BOARD OFFICE PRIOR TO THE EXAM.**

5. The candidate is to have the following ready and in view before the examiner enters the cubicle:
 - a. Candidate Photo Identification (driver's license, etc.)
 - b. Examination Admission Letter
 - c. Completed Patient Consent Form (attached to this brochure)
 - d. Completed Patient Health Questionnaire (attached to this brochure)
 - e. Completed Professional Liability Insurance Certification Form (attached)
 - f. Models/Casts (out of box and unwrapped, save wrapping and box)
 - g. Selection of Crowns - minimum of four (4) crowns suggested
 - h. Rubber Dam Material - minimum of four (4) sheets suggested
6. The candidate may be assigned the sequence of procedures (i.e. some may do the skills on the model first) to allow more efficient use of the examiner's time.
7. Materials MUST be checked and initialed by the examiner prior to starting the exam (e.g., casts, crowns, rubber dam material). Do NOT begin any procedure until the examiner has initialed the materials. Noncompliance with the above will result in a failure for the procedure. Both the maxillary and mandibular casts (as well as their storage box) must be marked with the candidate's identification number and exam cubicle number. Make sure your name is NOT written on the model or the box.
8. The examiner will assign the area of the mouth for rubber dam application. Not applying the rubber dam to the assigned area will result in a failure for the procedure. If you have any questions, please ask your examiner.
9. All work must be done in the cubicle or at chair side (e.g., punching rubber dam material, preparing crown).
10. Permission to use a non-aerosol and non-caustic topical anesthetic agent must be obtained from the supervising examining dentist.
11. When you are ready to have the examiner check the application of the rubber dam, you must raise your hand and it will be checked. You must follow the same procedure after you have removed the rubber dam.
12. After the examiner is called to the cubicle or dental chair by the candidate to evaluate a procedure, work may not be corrected or begun again (e.g., torn rubber dam material can be replaced before the examiner is called to check the procedure, but not afterward).
13. There will be random double checks throughout the examination.
14. Candidates may NOT wear name tags.
15. The candidate is not to carry on conversations with candidates in adjacent cubicles or units.
16. The candidate is to remain in the cubicle or at the assigned unit and may not walk around the testing site.

17. The candidate may not be given any help by the patient or another candidate. A patient holding the corner of the rubber dam during the application is acceptable. A patient may not give advice on how to perform a procedure.
18. Do **NOT** dismiss your patient until the examiner tells you to do so.
19. The candidate must leave the following completed forms and test materials in their assigned unit:
 - a. Patient Health/Consent Form and Patient Health Questionnaire
 - b. Used rubber dam material, wrapped in a paper towel
 - c. Maxillary and mandibular casts wrapped and replaced in their box (label casts and box with candidate identification number and exam cubicle number, only - Do not write your name on the cast or the box).
20. The candidate must write his/her candidate identification number **AND** cubicle/unit number on **ALL** forms and test materials collected by the examiner.
21. The candidate must leave the cubicle or unit neat and clean. All products must be removed and properly disposed.

RUBBER DAM APPLICATION AND REMOVAL

1. PATIENT REQUIREMENTS

- a. Eighteen (18) or more years of age
- b. At least eighteen (18) fully erupted teeth
- c. Good oral hygiene
- d. The Patient Consent Form (attached to this brochure) must be completed and signed by the patient at the examination site. **The patient will not be acceptable if he/she presents with medical, health or tissue conditions that would contraindicate providing the dental procedure.**
- e. The Patient Health Questionnaire should be completed by the patient PRIOR to the testing date and brought to the exam site. The Patient Health Questionnaire is printed on the last page of this brochure.
- f. If health conditions exist which indicate a need to consult the patient's physician, the candidate must obtain current, written clearance from the physician before the patient will be accepted. This written clearance must be presented to the examiner prior to beginning clinical procedures.
- g. Make sure the patient does not have a latex allergy or be prepared to use a non-latex rubber dam and vinyl gloves.

- h. The candidate must attend to the patient at all times during the examination. The clinical examiner must approve any exceptions.
- i. The candidate must follow Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines for aseptic technique.

2. INSTRUMENTS AND SUPPLIES

The candidate must bring the following equipment and supplies to the examination site. Those instruments to be used in the patient's mouth must be sterile.

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| a) mouth mirrors (2) | b) napkin chain |
| c) cotton forceps | d) rubber dam punch |
| e) rubber dam material | f) rubber dam forceps |
| g) rubber dam frame or holder | h) selection of molar clamps |
| i) scissors - crown & collar | j) saliva ejector |
| k) dental floss/tape | l) lubricant |
| m) paper supplies | n) face mask/shield |
| o) disposable gloves | p) protective eyewear |
| q) instruments for inverting rubber dam material | |

3. PREPARATION FOR APPLICATION OF RUBBER DAM

- a) The examiner will initial four sheets of rubber dam material before the candidate begins this procedure.
- b) The examiner will ask the candidate which quadrant she/he wishes to isolate. If the designated quadrant is acceptable, the examiner will assign that area for rubber dam isolation. However, the examiner has the discretion to assign any quadrant.
- c) Examples of quadrants that would be **unacceptable** are: no adjacent teeth; fixed bridge in the area; large carious lesions on the buccal surface of the tooth that is to be clamped; or soft tissue lesions in the area.
- d) Isolation of the teeth must extend from a first or second molar to the central incisor or canine of the opposite side.
- e) The candidate will isolate the assigned teeth with a sheet of rubber dam material. Method of application is optional.
- f) Authorization for use of a topical non-aerosol and non-caustic anesthetic agent to place the rubber dam clamp must be obtained from the supervising examining dentist. Check with your examiner before using a topical non-aerosol anesthetic solution.

4. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Application:

1. Clamp stable/ligated on the most posterior anchor tooth. For the safety of the patient, if a clamp is used, floss must be tied to it prior to being tried in the patient's mouth. The correct clamp must be stable. If the clamp pops off after a gentle touch, it is unacceptable. If no clamp is used, the dam must be ligated and stable.
2. Dam properly punched. Leakage caused by improper placement or size of the holes is unacceptable.
3. Inverted and/or ligated to prevent leakage. The rubber dam must be inverted around each tooth to prevent leakage. If this is not possible, a ligature may be tied around one or more teeth. It is unacceptable if the area is not dry.
4. Frame properly placed. A frame that is slightly off-center would not indicate an unacceptable score. However, if there is a danger of the post hitting the patient's eye or if it is placed in such a way that it hinders access to treating the tooth, it is unacceptable.
5. Stabilization. Ligation or an alternate means is necessary to anchor the dam on the distal contact of the most anterior anchor tooth. If the dam does not stay in place, it is unacceptable.
6. Dam placement. A slightly off-centered dam would not indicate an unacceptable score. Examples of unacceptable placement would be a dam that covers the nose or a dam that does not cover the upper and lower lips. Isolation of the teeth must extend from a first or second molar to the central incisor or canine of the opposite side.

Removal:

7. Soft Tissue Condition. It will be necessary for the examiner to use his/her judgment in determining if there is excessive soft tissue trauma. Gingival trauma and patient discomfort should be minimal.
8. Contacts and Subgingival Area Free of Material. The oral cavity and rubber dam material should be inspected for any missing pieces. All material (i.e. rubber dam, floss, etc.) must be removed from between the contacts and subgingival area. It is unacceptable if material remains in the patient's mouth.
9. Aseptic technique observed according to OSHA and CDC guidelines.

The candidate must satisfactorily complete seven (7) out of the nine (9) criteria listed above to pass this section of the test. Criteria #1 and #8 **MUST** be acceptable to pass this section of the Clinical Examination.

The examiner will retain the rubber dam material. **WRAP THE RUBBER DAM MATERIAL IN A PAPER TOWEL AND SEAL IT IN THE STORAGE BAG (PROVIDED) AFTER THE EXAMINER HAS CHECKED YOUR PATIENT.**

PLACEMENT OF TEMPORARY CROWN

1. INSTRUMENTS AND SUPPLIES (each candidate must bring their own)

- a) mouth mirror
- b) explorer
- c) cotton forceps
- d) scissors - crown and collar
- e) spatula(s)
- f) temporary cements, acrylic resins
- g) glass slab and/or waxed pads
- h) disposable gloves
- i) appropriate instruments for placing temporary crown
- j) acceptable selection of temporary crowns for prepared teeth
- k) rotary instruments may be used but will not be provided at the site
- l) Viade Products Model #3296, wrapped and in a box

2. SET-UP PROCEDURES

- a) The candidate identification number and exam cubicle number must be placed on the outside of the box and on both the mandibular and maxillary casts. A permanent marker will work on the casts.
- b) Casts must be unwrapped and crowns must be out and available for the examiner's identification before the candidate begins the procedure. Save the box and wrapping material.
- c) The candidate will place a temporary crown on the prepared tooth. The correct size crown must be chosen or fabricated and the crown must be cemented onto the tooth with temporary cement.
- d) After the exam, the candidate will re-wrap both casts and secure them in their box. The examiner will collect the casts.

3. EVALUATION CRITERIA

- 1) Crown Selection. Must fit mesiodistally. It is acceptable if it is too wide buccolingually. (Please note: The crown does not necessarily have to be a five cusp crown, but must be a mandibular right molar crown with the buccal surface facing the cheek. Preformed, preformed with acrylic lining, and acrylic temporary crowns are all acceptable.)
- 2) Proximal Contacts. There must be visual contact with the adjacent teeth. (**Please note:** The use of dental floss may cause an open contact that will be unacceptable.)
- 3) Adaptation of Margins. The crown margin should be at or no more than 1 mm occlusal to the margin of the preparation with a cement line of no more than 1 mm. Crowns extending apical to the margin are unacceptable. Cement must be removed from the crown, the gingival area and the adjacent teeth.
- 4) Finish. Voids in crown surfaces and/or margins and in the cement line are unacceptable. The surface of the temporary crown and margin should be smooth and well adapted to the contour of the tooth.

- 5) Occlusion. Cast will be hand articulated in centric occlusion with the opposing arch.

The candidate must satisfactorily complete four (4) of the five (5) criteria listed above. Proximal Contacts, criterion 2, MUST be acceptable to pass this section of the examination.

PLACEMENT OF CLASS II AMALGAM RESTORATION

1. INSTRUMENTS AND SUPPLIES (each candidate must bring their own)

- a) mouth mirror
- b) explorer
- c) cotton forceps
- d) disposable gloves
- e) appropriate instruments and armamentarium for placing an amalgam restoration for a Class II cavity preparation
- f) Unidose amalgam capsules
- g) Viade Products Model #3296, wrapped and in a box
- h) Amalgamators will be provided and shared with other candidates at the exam

2. SET-UP PROCEDURES

- a) Make sure the casts and box are identified and unwrapped as specified in the other procedures
- b) The candidate will place an amalgam restoration for a Class II cavity preparation.
- c) The candidate must re-wrap the maxillary and mandibular casts and secure them in their box. The examiner will collect the casts.

3. EVALUATION CRITERIA

- 1) Margins. There is no void at the cavosurface margin between the restoration and the tooth.
- 2) Contact. There must be visual contact with the adjacent tooth. Contact must be established in the correct area with adjacent tooth.
- 3) Contour. Contour must be established to approximate the original contour of the tooth.
- 4) Marginal Ridge. The marginal ridge and contact should be undamaged by the removal of the retainer and matrix.
- 5) Surface. Surface of the restoration should be smooth.
- 6) Occlusion. When models are articulated, the restoration should be carved to normal centric occlusion.

The candidate must satisfactorily perform four (4) out of the six (6) criteria listed above to pass this section of the examination. Contact, criterion 2, and Marginal Ridge, criterion 4 MUST be acceptable to pass this section of the examination.

The candidate may complete the amalgam on the preparation of their choice on the model. The candidate will be required to notify their examiner prior to the exam about which preparation they are using. The examiner will mark the tooth/model to indicate which prep is being used. The examiner must be notified if the candidate changes preps during the exam.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

The Written Examination consists of approximately one hundred and twenty-four (124) test items/questions. You will be given 2.5 hours to complete the exam. The test items evaluate the candidate's knowledge in eight (8) categories. The candidate will be expected to have a basic knowledge of normal vs. abnormal conditions present in the oral cavity. This may include naming a condition from a description.

The following chart identifies the eight (8) categories, and the number of test questions assigned to each category. A more detailed description of the categories is available in the format of a task list. One may obtain this task list by making a written request to the following address: RDA Exam Information, Michigan Board of Dentistry, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909. The request may also be faxed to 517-373-2179 or e-mailed to bhphelp@michigan.gov. The task list is also available on-line at www.michigan.gov/healthlicense under "Dentistry" and "Dentistry Licensing Forms and Applications".



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TEST SPECIFICATIONS FOR RDA WRITTEN EXAMINATION

CATEGORY	# OF QUESTIONS
DATA COLLECTION & RECORDING: Obtain & record medical/dental history; Identify, describe & chart soft tissue, teeth and related conditions; Diagnostic aids; Vital signs	10
PATIENT MANAGEMENT, EDUCATION, & COMMUNICATION: Pre/post treatment instructions; Oral health instructions; Answer patient questions	3
PREVENTION OF DISEASE TRANSMISSION: Sterilization; Disinfection; Implement procedures to prevent disease transmission	8
PREVENTION & MANAGEMENT OF EMERGENCIES: Recognize patient signs, symptoms, & conditions; Perform office emergency procedures; Assist in management of office emergencies	3
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY: Use safety measures when handling emergencies	7
LEGAL ASPECTS OF DENTISTRY: Obtain & document records; Maintain legal responsibilities; Prevent lawsuits; Maintain right to privacy; Recognize state dental law	8

DENTAL RADIOGRAPHY: Expose & evaluate films/radiographs; Process (both manual & automatic); Mount & label; Identify and chart anatomical structures & questionable conditions; Principles of radiation protection & safety for patient and operator	25
INTRAORAL FUNCTION & PROCEDURES: Rubber dam - Select, place, & remove; Topical fluoride - Select, prepare, apply, patient safety; Pit & fissure sealant - Select, prepare, apply; Temporary intracoronal restorations - Select, prepare, place, finish, remove; Temporary crown restoration - Select, prepare, place, remove; Topical anesthetics - Select, prepare, apply, patient safety; Suture removal - Select, prepare, removal, tissue status; Periodontal dressing - Select, prepare, adapt, remove, tissue status; Orthodontic procedures; Chairside dental procedures; Placing/packing nonepinephrine retraction cords; Taking final impressions for indirect restorations; tooth desensitization; Placing dental liners/cements/varnishes; Drying endodontic canals with absorbent points; Placing & removing matrices & wedges; Pulp vitality testing; Place, pack & carve amalgam restorations	60
TOTAL EXAM	124

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PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE CERTIFICATION**

CANDIDATE NUMBER _____

I, _____, certify that I am a current member of the American Dental Assistants Association (ADAA) and/or presently have Dental Liability Insurance. This liability insurance policy covers treatment to be administered by me to any person or persons during the Registered Dental Assistants Examination on this date. I will do nothing during the duration of this exam to cause this insurance to expire, lapse, or terminate. If, for any reason, this policy ceases to be in force during this examination, I will immediately notify the examiner(s).

* * Please note that either the policy number must be completed OR active membership in ADAA must be indicated.

Name of Insurance Carrier _____

Policy Number _____

Today's Date _____

Signature _____



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PATIENT CONSENT FORM

Candidate Name _____

Date _____

PATIENT'S NAME _____

PATIENT'S ADDRESS _____

DESCRIPTION

The Registered Dental Assistant's Examination, administered by the Michigan Board of Dentistry and the Michigan Department of Community Health, requires a demonstration of procedures by the candidate. The procedures to be done include placement and removal of a rubber dam. Each candidate will perform these procedures under the general supervision of a dentist and will be graded on the results.

CONSENT

I hereby consent and give permission to _____, a candidate for Registration as a Dental Assistant, while working under a licensed dentist's supervision, to perform the above procedures (rubber dam placement and removal) upon me. I understand that I will not be receiving any completed dental care; that I am participating as a subject only for demonstration of the listed procedures. I have no health conditions that will adversely affect myself, the candidate, or the examiners while participating in the examination.

NOTICE – WAIVER

I have been informed that the risk of injury that may result from the above procedures is essentially the same as the risk that is encountered in a licensed dentist's office. In case of an emergency, I agree to receive any emergency care as provided by the candidate, examiner, or other emergency team of hospital staff.

I therefore, knowingly and consciously waive all rights of action which may occur either during this examination or as a consequence thereof against this examination site, the candidate, the examiners, the supervising dentist, the Michigan State Board of Dentistry, the Department of Community Health, and the State of Michigan.

Patient's Signature _____

Witness' Signature _____



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**PATIENT HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE
(FOR RUBBER DAM PORTION OF EXAM ONLY)**

Patient's Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
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Please circle the correct response to the following questions (Yes, No or Don't know).

Do you have or have you had any of the following:

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| 1. | Rheumatic Fever? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| 2. | Hypertension (High Blood Pressure)? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| 3. | Heart Attack, Irregular heart rate,
Damaged Heart Valves or Angina? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| 4. | Heart Murmur? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| 5. | Blood Disorders such as Anemia or Hemophilia? . . . | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| 6. | Hives or a Skin Rash | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| 7. | Have you ever had a reaction to any drugs
If yes, which drugs? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| 8. | Do you have any allergies or latex sensitivity?
If yes, what are you allergic to? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| 9. | Have you ever had an artificial joint placed? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| 10. | Physician's Name: _____ | | | |
| | Address: _____ | | | |
| | Phone Number: _____ | | | |

I certify that to the best of my knowledge the above information is complete and accurate.

Patient's Signature: _____ Date: _____

CLINICAL EXAMINATION INFORMATION

RUBBER DAM - PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY COVERAGE

You **must** obtain liability coverage in order to take the rubber dam section of the clinical examination. If you are working in a dental office or if you have a "Student Liability Card", check immediately with the insurance carrier to see if the policy will cover you during the clinical examination. If it does, request a letter including the policy number, from the agent stating this fact. If you do not have liability insurance which will cover you during the clinical examination, it is suggested that you obtain it at the **EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE** to assure that you will receive the necessary proof in time for the clinical examination. If a candidate is unable to obtain the required dental liability coverage, the following organization may be contacted: Maginnes and Associates, Inc., 1-800-621-3008 (toll free number).

Any candidate who is an active member of the American Dental Assistant's Association is automatically covered by liability insurance. Your current ADAA membership card must be presented at the examination site. PLEASE NOTE: It is possible that student members may not be covered by liability insurance. Please contact your program director or instructor for additional information regarding liability coverage insurance. (This is not to be construed as a recommendation or approval of either type of liability insurance by the Michigan Board of Dentistry or the Department of Community Health. This information is offered only as an aid to the candidate).

Proof of liability **MUST** be brought to the examination site. You will be required to show your proof of insurance BEFORE the clinical examination begins. Liability insurance will **not** be required if a candidate is **re-taking** the temporary crown and/or temporary intracoronaral sections of the clinical examination.

INSTRUMENTS (STERILE) AND SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR RUBBER DAM EXAM (each candidate must bring their own):

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| 1) mouth mirrors (2) | 2) napkin chain |
| 3) cotton forceps | 4) rubber dam punch |
| 5) rubber dam material | 6) rubber dam forceps |
| 7) rubber dam frame or holder | 8) selection of molar clamps |
| 9) scissors - crown & collar | 10) saliva ejector |
| 11) dental floss/tape | 12) lubricant |
| 13) paper supplies | 14) face mask/shield |
| 15) disposable gloves | 16) protective eyeware |
| 17) instruments for inverting rubber dam material | |

REQUIREMENTS TO TAKE THE TEMPORARY CROWN AND/OR TEMPORARY INTRACORONAL EXAMS

1. The candidate must provide an A & S Dental Model MI-RDA maxillary cast (MI-RDA-1) with opposing mandibular cast (MI-RDA-2).
2. The candidate should contact Mark Spilman at A & S Dental Models, 452 Wartman Rd., Collegeville, PA 19426, to purchase the specified models (MI-RDA-1 & MI-RDA-2). Candidates may purchase as many mandibular and/or maxillary casts as they please. There is a \$25.00 charge for each mandibular cast and a \$25.00 charge for each maxillary cast. There will also be a small shipping charge. Please enclose a check with your order. You may call (610)489-7035 with any questions or to place an order. Orders may also be faxed to A & S Dental Models at 610-489-8915.
3. The casts may be used pre-exam for practice purposes. However, the casts should be wrapped and in their box in an unaltered condition when brought to the examination site or the candidate may be disqualified on this section of the examination.
4. Casts submitted for grading become the property of the State of Michigan and cannot be returned to candidates.

INSTRUMENTS AND SUPPLIES FOR PLACEMENT OF TEMPORARY CROWN AND/OR TEMPORARY INTRACORONAL (each candidate must bring their own):

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| 1) mouth mirror | 2) explorer |
| 3) cotton forceps | 4) scissors - crown and collar |
| 5) spatula(s) | 6) <u>temporary</u> cements, acrylic resins |
| 7) glass slab and/or waxed pads | 8) disposable gloves |
| 9) appropriate instruments for placing temporary crown | |
| 10) acceptable selection of temporary crowns for prepared teeth | |
| 11) rotary instruments may be used but are not provided at the site | |
| 12) appropriate instruments for placing temporary intracoronals | |
| 13) One set of MI-RDA-1 and MI-RDA-2 models -- wrapped and in a box | |

**A MORE DETAILED CANDIDATE BROCHURE WILL BE SENT TO YOU WITH
YOUR ADMISSION LETTER ABOUT 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO YOUR EXAM DATE.**